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Interview Summary and Comments In Response to Notice of Allowance

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The present communication is in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 31, 2009, and the Examiner's Amendment as described in that application.

The Examiner's Amendment references a telephone interview occurring on August 26, 2009 between Examiner Li Liu and the undersigned, in which authorization for the amendments provided in the Notice of Allowance was provided. In the interview, it was agreed to incorporate the limitations of claims 20-23 into independent claims 1, 7, 14, and 16, respectively, to facilitate allowance of the present application.

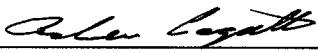
Applicants point out that the amendments set forth in the Notice of Allowance are not the only reasons the claims are allowable. Each of the claims stands on its own merits and is patentable because of the recited combination of elements and not because of the presence or absence of any one particular element. Furthermore, entry of these claim amendments into the

record should not be construed as agreement with or acquiescence in the reasoning stated by the Examiner in the previous office Actions. Applicants maintain that the claims as presented prior to the Examiner's Amendment are allowable over the art of record, and reserve the right to pursue the same or similar claims in one or more continuation patent applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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